

# Concise Minutes – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Thursday, 3 December 2020

Meeting time: 13.30 – 15.40

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges MS (Chair) Janet Finch-Saunders MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Neil Hamilton MS Jenny Rathbone MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Ceri Davies, Natural Resources Wales Sir David Henshaw, Natural Resources Wales Clare Pillman, Natural Resources Wales
Committee Staff:	Marc Wyn Jones (Clerk) Elizabeth Wilkinson (Second Clerk) Andrea Storer (Deputy Clerk) Katy Orford (Researcher)



## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair stated that he had determined that the public were excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health.

1.3 The Chair stated that if for any reason he dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Jenny Rathbone MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

## **2 Natural Resources Wales: Annual Scrutiny session**

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from Sir David Henshaw, Clare Pillman and Ceri Davies, Natural Resources Wales.

## **3 Paper(s) to note**

3.1 The papers were noted.

**3.1 Correspondence from the Chair to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs in relation to interim arrangements for environmental governance following the end of the Implementation Period**

**3.2 Correspondence from the Chair to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs in relation to the Agriculture (Model Clauses for Fixed Equipment) (Wales) Regulations 2019**

**3.3 Correspondence from the Chair of the Petitions Committee in relation to biodiversity**

**3.4 Correspondence from the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip regarding the socio-economic duty**

**4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**

4.1 The motion was agreed.

**5 Consideration of evidence received under item 2**

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence heard under item 2.

**6 Consideration of the Committee's Forward Work Programme**

6.1 The Committee discussed its Forward Work Programme.